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1. A NATIONAL UNIVERSITY SOURCE CONFIRMED THAT ERNESTO VELA IS A FORMER DEAN OF HUMANITIES. HE SAID VELA FLED THE COUNTRY FEARING RIGHT WING VIOLENCE. HE BELIEVED VELA HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN AN ORGANIZATION CALLED THE "WORLD UNIVERSITY SERVICE." SOURCE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF LUIS ALONSO RAMIREZ OR LUIS AMERICA CHOI, BUT SAID THAT IF THEY ARE TRAVELLING WITH VELA THEY ARE MOST LIKELY PROFESSORS WHO, LIKE VELA, HAVE FLED FROM RIGHT WING VIOLENCE. WE CANNOT CONFIRM WHETHER THESE PERSONS WERE ACTIVE SUPPORTERS OF THE FDR/FMLN.

2. AS FAR AS WE CAN TELL, NO ONE HAS BEEN FORMALLY EXILED BY THE GOES SINCE THE 1979 COUP. MANY PERSONS, HOWEVER, NOT LIMITED TO FDR/FMLN ACTIVISTS, HAVE VOLUNTARILY GONE INTO "EXILE" TO ESCAPE VIOLENCE FROM BOTH RIGHTIST AND LEFTIST EXTREMISTS.

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